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NATIONAL SOJOURNERS WEEK

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Sojourners for their 100th year of service to our nation and for National Sojourners week which is June 3rd through June 8th.

The National Sojourners was born of wartime requirements and nurtured by the desire of displaced military Masons to seek each other's company, counsel and aid. Their purpose is to organize current and former members of the uniformed forces of the United States and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons, into Chapters to promote good fellowship, cultivate Masonic ideals, support all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, and develop patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation.

For a century, the National Sojourners have counted among their ranks leaders from every facet in American society. From three U.S. Presidents, to Generals and Admirals, to our junior enlisted personnel, National Sojourners have served patriotically for the cause of freedom. Among their ranks have been several Medal of Honor recipients, some of whom made the supreme sacrifice to ensure our liberty.

National Sojourners accomplishes its mission of education through 160 National Sojourner Chapters located throughout the United States and Europe, as well as its Headquarters located in Virginia, which provides support to all Chapters.

Love of country is promoted by local Chapters through educational information and programs in Americanism and Patriotism specifically directed to the youth of our nation in the form of Youth Leadership Conference scholarships, high school- and college-level ROTC Awards, and patriotic essay contests.

I would also like to welcome our military veterans and National Sojourners to Nebraska, the Heartland of America, where they will host their Centennial Annual National Convention. Thank you for your service and continued patriotism for our country.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF COACH OTIS WASHINGTON

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of the late Coach Otis Washington. A native of Selma, Alabama, Coach Washington was a legendary football and Louisiana Hall of Famer, who instilled in his players his winning spirit, stalwart character and quest for excellence. He led St. Augustine High School to three state championships before moving on

to coach at LSU and Southern University. Sadly, Coach Washington passed away on Friday, May 24, 2019 at the age of 80.

Coach Washington was born on February 12, 1939 in Selma, Alabama to Sadie and Otis Washington, Sr. He graduated from R.B. Hudson High School in 1957 where he was class president and a star athlete. He then graduated from Xavier University in New Orleans, where he was the captain of the football team and an All-Conference guard and linebacker. A stellar all-around athlete, Coach Washington also made Xavier's All-Conference team in baseball.

Coach Washington was a devout Catholic and devoted member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His devotion to his faith began as a young boy in Selma, Alabama, where he was a member of the Don Bosco Catholic Boy's Club founded by Father Nelson Ziter in 1947.

Coach Washington's résumé speaks for itself. He led St. Augustine to state championships in 1975, 1978 and 1979, and in his 11 seasons there, he garnered a 113-17-1 record and guided the Purple Knights to 11 consecutive winning seasons and seven district titles in their ultra-competitive league.

In 1979, Coach Washington became the first African American football coach at LSU when he joined the staff as an offensive line coach. In 1981, Coach Washington was hired as the head football coach at Southern University in Baton Rouge, where he led the Jaguars for six seasons, until 1986.

His achievements on the football field led to his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2015 and the St. Augustine Hall of Fame in 2017. He was also inducted into several additional halls of fame, including: The New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame—Outstanding Prep Coach (1979); New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame (1994); Louisiana High School Athletic Association Sports Hall of Fame (2012); Southern University Sports Hall of Fame (2016); and Xavier University Hall of Fame (2017).

His success on the football field was matched by his many efforts in the community to promote fairness, equity and justice. "Coach Wash," as he was known by most, was a key figure in the integration of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA). Three years before Coach Washington took over at St. Augustine, a lawsuit allowed the school to compete in the LHSAA, rather than the all-black Louisiana Interscholastic Athletic and Literary Organization. St. Augustine, led by Coach Washington, often found itself caught in the middle of a changing, difficult social environment, and on the losing end of many officials' calls. In 1970, when all-black St. Augustine team faced off against an all-white team in Chalmette, the team was escorted by police. On the field, the players were surrounded by a dozen officers and police dogs. Despite the environment, though, the team, persevered and eventually made it to the state championship—and won.

While Coach Washington was often quick to downplay his role in integrating the league and said he did not see himself as a civil rights leader, his guidance opened doors of opportunity for countless members of the African American community, and many of his players credit his leadership with the team's persistence and determination to make it to the state finals, despite the difficult racial social climate.

He demanded discipline and attention to detail from both his players and assistant coaches at every level of the game, from St. Augustine to LSU. These lessons remained with his players even after they had hung up their cleats.

Coach Washington is survived by his wife of over 52 years, Linda Patterson Washington of Baton Rouge, whom he met while coaching at St. Augustine; his siblings, Carol C. Black, Olivia Washington, Charlene W. Brown, Theopolis, Sr. (Jacqueline), Sharon D. Williams (Tyrone R., Sr.), Irma Ruth McQueen, and many godchildren, special grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

On a personal note, I knew this amazing man as my "Uncle Otis." He was one of my father's best childhood friends. Uncle Otis, my dad, Charles Williams and Ted Washington referred to themselves as the "Four Amigos" in grammar school, a name that stuck throughout their lifetimes. These men never forgot the lessons they learned from Father Nelson Ziter at the Don Bosco Boy's Club of Selma, nor the friendship that bound them forever. They shared a deep love of their hometown of Selma and a commitment to service through sports.

Uncle Otis and Auntie Linda were a constant presence in the lives of my twin brothers and me. I could always count on them for words of encouragement and boasts of pride in my accomplishments. I know that I stand today as Alabama's first black Congresswoman because of the love, support, nurturing and prayers of the mentors, family and friends like Uncle Otis. Like my dad, Coach Otis Washington will be missed, but never forgotten. The legacy Uncle Otis leaves behind will live on in the many lives that he impacted. May we find comfort in knowing that his legend lives in us, and we are stronger and better because Uncle Otis' light shines bright within us.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and legacy of Selma, Alabama native Coach Otis Washington, a football coaching legend and Louisiana Hall of Famer. May we celebrate the totality of his life today and honor always his great accomplishments in sports and contributions in shaping the hearts, minds and character of men.

CONGRATULATING THE EAST ST. LOUIS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the East St. Louis Girls Track and Field Team for winning the 2019 Class 2A State Tournament.

On Saturday, the Flyerettes beat their competitors by seven points at O'Brien Field in Charleston, Illinois. This victory is the second Girls state title for East St. Louis.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the team, their coaches, and their families that supported these young women on their journey to victory. They have brought tremendous pride to the 12th District of Illinois. Go Flyerettes.

HONORING HECTOR GODINEZ FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR FIRST CIF SOUTHERN SECTION SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize the Hector Godinez Fundamental High School softball team who recently won their first CIF Southern Section Championship in school history.

On Saturday, May 18, the softball team clinched their first ever title, defeating El Segundo High School by a score of 15–1, becoming the CIF Southern Section Division 4 Champions. They won all five of the CIF games by five or more runs, making a dominating run to the championship.

It has been a truly outstanding season for both Godinez Fundamental High School softball and the City of Santa Ana. Their head coach, Ed Medina, has been the coach since the school opened in 2007 and was named the 2019 Orange County Softball Coach of the Year. His assistant coaches are Clarissa Castellanos, Kevin Pola, and Selene Pola.

In 2017, they made it to the CIF-SS Semi Finals and in 2018, they made it to the 2nd round of playoffs. This season, they outdid themselves with an overall regular season record of 21–4. They won the Golden West League Championship, with an undefeated record of 10–0 in their first year in the league. This is their fourth league championship in a row, previously winning three Orange Coast League Championships in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

The Hector Godinez Fundamental High School softball team has truly been a dominating force on the softball field this season, especially during the playoffs. They have six graduating seniors and many more returning, and I am confident they will be a force to be reckoned with in the 2020 High School softball season. The team is truly a special group of young women and I am proud of all their accomplishments. Congratulations again on being the 2019 CIF Southern Section Division 4 softball champions.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO AGENTS AND OFFICERS OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, the mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is broad and diverse. The men and women of CBP protect our borders at and between ports of entry. They protect the American people against terrorists and the instruments of terror. They enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our Nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel. CBP employees provide selfless service to their nation and they do so with honor and distinction under an ever-present threat.

As a former judge, I know firsthand the essential role law enforcement officers play in maintaining law and order and the risks they face every time they report for duty. I would like to pay tribute to the agents and officers who lost their lives in the service of our Nation. While their watches have ended, the legacy and the commitment of all who wear the badge live on.

Lawrence B. Pierce, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Border Patrol, Chula Vista, California, End of Watch: August 17, 1995.

James P. Epling, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: December 16, 2003.

Travis W. Attaway, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Harlingen, Texas, End of Watch: September 19, 2004.

Jeremy M. Wilson, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Harlingen, Texas, End of Watch: September 19, 2004.

George B. Debates, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Casa Grande, Arizona, End of Watch: December 19, 2004.

Nicholas D. Greenig, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Tucson, Arizona, End of Watch: March 14, 2006.

David N. Webb, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Ajo, Arizona, End of Watch: November 3, 2006.

Ramon Nevarez, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Lordsburg, New Mexico, End of Watch: March 15, 2007.

David J. Tourscher, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Lordsburg, New Mexico, End of Watch: March 16, 2007.

Clinton B. Thrasher, Air Interdiction Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, McAllen, Texas, End of Watch: April 25, 2007.

Richard Goldstein, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Indio, California, End of Watch: May 11, 2007.

Robert F. Smith, Air Interdiction Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: May 22, 2007.

Eric N. Cabral, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Boulevard, California, End of Watch: July 26, 2007.

Julio E. Baray, Air Interdiction Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: September 24, 2007.

Luis A. Aguilar, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: January 19, 2008.

Jarod C. Dittman, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, San Diego, California, End of Watch: March 30, 2008.

Nathaniel A. Afolayan, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Artesia, New Mexico, End of Watch: May 1, 2009.

Cruz C. McGuire, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Del Rio, Texas, End of Watch: May 21, 2009.

Robert W. Rosas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Campo, California, End of Watch: July 23, 2009.

Mark F. Van Doren, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Falfurrias, Texas, End of Watch: May 24, 2010.

Charles F. Collins II, CBP Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Anchorage, Alaska, End of Watch: August 15, 2010.

Michael V. Gallagher, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Casa

Grande, Arizona, End of Watch: September 2, 2010.

John R. Zykas, CBP Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, San Diego, California, End of Watch: September 8, 2010.

Brian A. Terry, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Naco Cochise, Arizona, End of Watch: December 15, 2010.

Hector R. Clark, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: May 12, 2011.

Eduardo Rojas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: May 12, 2011.

Leopoldo Cavazos, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Fort Hancock, Texas, End of Watch: July 6, 2012.

James R. Dominguez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Cline, Texas, End of Watch: July 19, 2012.

Jeffrey Ramirez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Laredo, Texas, End of Watch: September 15, 2012.

Nicholas J. Ivie, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Bisbee, Arizona, End of Watch: October 2, 2012.

David R. Delaney, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Big Bend National Park, Texas, End of Watch: November 2, 2012.

Darrell J. Windhaus, CBP Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Brownsville, Texas, End of Watch: December 29, 2013.

Alexander I. Giannini, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Benson, Arizona, End of Watch: May 28, 2014.

Javier Vega, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Santa Monica, Texas, End of Watch: August 3, 2014.

Tyler R. Robledo, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Carrizo Springs, Texas, End of Watch: September 12, 2014.

Jose D. Barraza, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Sierra Blanca, Texas, End of Watch: April 18, 2016.

Manuel A. Alvarez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Casa Grande, Arizona, End of Watch: August 11, 2016.

David Gomez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: November 16, 2016.

Isaac Morales, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: May 24, 2017.

Rogelio Martinez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: November 19, 2017.

Christopher T. Bacon, Intelligence Collection Operations Manager, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Grand Forks, North Dakota, End of Watch: June 7, 2018.

IN MEMORY OF ROY APPLETON, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Roy Appleton, Jr., who passed away on Monday, April 8, 2019 after a lifetime of service to our nation and his North Texas neighbors.